

CARL PERSON TALKS ON PROBE OF I. C. LOCKOUT

When the Federal Industrial Relations Commission begins its investigations into the effect of the Illinois Central and Harriman lines lockout on the families of the 35,000 involved, Carl Person, editor of the Strike Bulletin, says they will find the following answers to the long list of questions they have prepared:

The loss of our jobs made us and those depending on us suffer poverty. Some lost their homes because they lost their jobs.

Many of our children were compelled to leave school and go to work because we lost our jobs.

Many of us were compelled to send our wives to work because we lost our jobs.

Many had to break up their homes and move away because we lost our jobs.

Many were compelled to ask money from our friends to feed our families.

Many were compelled to move into cheaper rooms and almost starve.

Some of those we love got sick. Some of those depending on us died. The doctor called it some disease. In many cases it was worry and hunger and cold that caused the sickness and death. Sometimes the want of money to hire a doctor or buy medicine caused death.

Some, worried by poverty, committed suicide.

Some became tramps.

Some may have lost their reason because of the hardships and suffering of the empty pay envelope.

The standard of living was lowered.

OAK FOREST HEADS CLEARED

Officials of Oak Forest infirmary, who were accused by the Harris committee, were exonerated yesterday by the Cook county civil service commission.

Coincident with the exoneration of

the officials comes a statement from Commissioner Harris that S. A. Koslowski, a patient, was put out of Oak Forest because he gave testimony to the investigating committee.

SOME LABOR NEWS

The Bloomington Building Trades Council will probably start a co-operative store and construction company so as to insure decent wages and conditions for those who do the work. They will sell goods at minimum prices.

The International Union of Leather Workers, on horse goods, have been given a union shop and an increase of from \$1 to \$2.50 a week for all their members by Consumers' Co.

Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, Chicago Local No. 241, have become part of the Illinois Federation of Labor.

600 carpenters are on strike in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

JURY GIVES BIG DAMAGES

A jury in the Circuit Court yesterday gave one of the largest damage verdicts ever received when they awarded \$45,000 damages to James R. Wilson against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Wilson was formerly a conductor on the road. He was injured after being made to work for three days, from August 19 to 22, without rest. From sheer exhaustion he fell between an engine and a freight car. His right arm was crushed and his spine broken. He appeared in court in a wheel chair. He sued for \$75,000.

KICK AGAINST "PRIVATE" WIRES

Chicago brokers have asked Illinois public utilities commission to investigate service of telegraph companies between Chicago and New York.

That some of the brokerage houses have private wires, secure New York market reports before other firms and profit thereby is the claim of the board of trade members.

Hearing has been set for July 9.